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CONFERENCE, GENEVA, FEB 18-22

1. WHEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERED SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 1, BELGIUM ANNOUNCED THAT IT DID ACCEPT ITS ADDITIONAL POUNDS 2,140 ASSESSMENT FOR THE 21ST NAOS YEAR RESULTING FROM SWISS WITHDRAWAL FROM AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD INSERT A DECLARATION IN PLENARY MINUTES IN CONNECTION WITH FINALIZATION OF NEW AGREEMENT. CHAIRMAN THANKED BELGIUM FOR ITS COOPERATION.

2. NORWAY PRESENTED ITS WORKING PAPER PROPOSING 15 PERCENT INCREASE IN OBLIGATIONS TO PAY AND RIGHTS TO RECEIVE CASH FOR 21ST NAOS YEAR DUE TO CHANGE IN EXCHANGE RATES OF SOME CURRENCIES, PARTICULARLY BRITISH POUND. SWEDEN, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL, BUT BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRG AND ITALY, AS CASH CONTRIBUTORS, SAID THERE WAS NO LEGAL

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OR MORAL OBLIGATION FOR THEM TO COMPENSATE THE OPERATING STATES

CONCERNED. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL, IF ACCEPTED, MIGHT SET A PRECEDENT CONCERNING THE DANISH AND ICELANDIC AGREEMENTS FOR WHICH ASSESSMENTS ARE MADE IN US DOLLARS AND COSTS ARE IN TERMS OF DANISH AND ICELANDIC KRONER, WHICH HAVE APPRECIATED. IRELAND, AS CHAIRMAN, SUGGESTED APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO ICAO COUNCIL FOR ACTION. AFTER SECRETARIAT HAD CIRCULATED ADDITIONAL PAPER SETTING FORTH ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON AS REQUESTED BY BELGIUM, COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT CONFERENCE UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL. NORWAY AND SWEDEN WILL JOINTLY APPROACH THE ICAO COUNCIL REQUESTING IT TO INVITE THE STATES INVOLVED TO SEE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PROPORTIONAL TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO PAY CASH FOR THE 21ST YEAR.

3. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2 RECOMMENDING NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF US WITHDRAWAL OF ITS VESSELS FROM OCEAN STATIONS "C" AND "D" DURING 20TH YEAR, OTHER THAN REALLOCATION OF BALANCE OF COMMON FUND CONTRUBUTIONS TO STATES OTHER THAN US AND CANADA. ALL WHO WERE FAMILIAR WITH NAOS PROGRAM OVER YEARS WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF US COOPERATION. FRANCE EVEN REQUESTED ADDITION TO REPORT TO INDICATE THAT AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATION OF THE LEGAL SERVICES OF ICAO, IT WAS STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT DID NOT IMPLY COMPENSATION BY THE US IN CASH. BELGIUM MERELY REQUESTED THAT ITS PRINCIPLE, SUPPORTED BY FRG AND FRANCE, THAT ALL PARTIES TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT SHOULD ABIDE BY THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNTIL THE END, BE MENTIONED IN REPORT.

4. WHEN REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3, LIQUIDATION OF 1954 NAOS AGREEMENT APPROVED, WMO SECRETARIAT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COST OF CURRENT ICAO/WMO CONFERENCES WOULD EXCEED BALANCE IN ICAO NAOS INTEREST ACCOUNT.

5. FINAL PLENARY MEETING APPROVED ACTION OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE WITHOUT CHANGE. DALE

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